

Dr. L. B. Holthuis (28.x.66): "I fully agree with Dr. Lemche that since Bloch under *Scomber gladius* refers to Broussonet, Broussonet's specimen is a syntype of Bloch's species and could be chosen to be the lectotype of that species. If this is done, and I propose here to do so, *Xiphias platypterus* Shaw & Nodder, 1792, and *Scomber gladius* Bloch, 1793, become objective synonyms."

Dr. C. W. Sabrosky (12.i.67): "I object strongly to item (4). There is no specific name *gladius* Broussonet; it is merely an error of authorship citation. Must we fill the Index with erroneous usage? The formal suppression of '*gladius* auctt. nec Bloch' is of no value."

The Secretary informed Mr. Whitehead of Dr. Holthuis' suggestion of a lectotype designation for *Scomber gladius* Bloch and Mr. Whitehead replied: (16.vi.69) "... I think the solution is a happy one, more particularly since the recent revision of Moreau has placed all nominal sailfish species in the monotypic genus *Istiophorus* (illegally, but perhaps commendably, using the name *Istiophorus platypterus*)." It was then suggested that Mr. Whitehead should make the formal lectotype designation which appears below.

DESIGNATION OF A LECTOTYPE FOR *SCOMBER GLADIUS* BLOCH, 1793 (PISCES)

by P. J. P. Whitehead

I hereby designate the specimen examined by Broussonet, and holotype of *Xiphias platypterus* Shaw & Nodder, 1792, to be lectotype of *Scomber gladius* Bloch, 1793. This specimen, a mounted fish of 7 feet 6 inches total length, is in the British Museum (Natural History), London, Reg. No. BMNH. 1964.7.2.1.

ORIGINAL REFERENCES

The following are the original references for the names placed on the Official Lists and Index by the Ruling given in the present Opinion:

gladius, *Scomber* [Broussonet, 1786], (a cheironym)

Istiophorus Lacépède, 1802, *Hist. Nat. Poiss.* 3 : 374

platypterus, *Xiphias*, Shaw & Nodder, 1792, *Naturalist's Miscellany* 28 : pl. 88.

CERTIFICATE

We certify that the votes cast on Voting Paper (66)58 were cast as set out above, that the proposal contained in that Voting Paper has been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 903.

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